

Again, it is with alarm that I see that the country is going further down the path to LESS democracy. With the lifting of regulations regarding fairness on OUR airwaves from the mid-80's we have inherited this amalgamation of media resources that chokes the flow of information. This latest farce with Sinclair Broadcasting is a vibrant case in point. The kind of bullying that we have seen in regard to various broadcasts, including the suppression of the highly respected Nightline's reading of the fallen, is now evidenced in Sinclair's overt belligerence in forcing stations to preempt for a blatant campaign ad. Fair and balanced? What a crock! Their disingenuous offer to interview Kerry is transparent and more than suspect. Frankly, it should be an embarrassment that hundreds of thousands of people had to create a grass roots protest not long ago in response to the almost covert plan by the FCC to allow greater monopolistic control of the media. Why we should be the watchdog for our appointed watchdog helps support many of us in our complaint that we are sliding into a country too much run by corporations and away from by the people, for the people. This is not right. This is not fair. You are the agency to correct the situation. Follow your true mandate and equitably rein in the abuse of trust.

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